

Claims

1. A composition comprising:

(a) an oxygen labile active agent, and

(b) a fungal extract selected from the group
consisting of ergothioneine and *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the
fungal extract is ergothioneine.

3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the
fungal extract is *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

4. A composition of claim 2, wherein said oxygen
labile active agent is selected from the group consisting
of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone,
and dihydrolipoic acid.

5. A composition of claim 2, wherein said oxygen
labile active agent is a retinoid.

6. A composition of claim 2, wherein said oxygen
labile active agent is retinol.

7. A composition of claim 6, wherein said
composition comprises (i) from about 0.01% to about 1%,
by weight, of said retinol and (ii) from about 0.1% to
about 10%, by weight, of said fungal extract.

8. A composition of claim 3, wherein said oxygen
labile active agent is selected from the group consisting
of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone,
and dihydrolipoic acid.

9. A composition of claim 3, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is a retinoid.

10. A composition of claim 3, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is retinol.

11. A composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises (i) from about 0.01% to about 1%, by weight, of said retinol and (ii) from about 0.1% to about 10%, by weight, of said fungal extract.

12. A composition comprising:
(a) an oxygen labile active agent,
(a) an isoascorbic acid derivative,
(c) a tocopherol derivative, and
(d) a fungal extract selected from the group consisting of ergothioneine and *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

13. A composition according to claim 12 wherein the fungal extract is ergothioneine.

14. A composition according to claim 12 wherein the fungal extract is *Phellinus Linteus* extract.

15. A composition of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises:

- (a) about 0.001 to about 20%, by weight, of said oxygen labile active agent,
- (b) about 0.001% to about 0.5%, by weight, of said isoascorbic acid derivative, and
- (c) about 0.1% to about 1%, by weight, of said tocopherol derivative; and
- (d) about 0.1% to about 10%, by weight, of said fungal extract.

16. A composition of claim 12, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone, and dihydrolipoic acid.

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17. A composition of claim 12, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is a retinoid.

10 18. A composition of claim 12, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is retinol.

15 19. A composition of claim 15, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, tocotrienol, hydroquinone, ubiquinone, and dihydrolipoic acid.

20. A composition of claim 15, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is a retinoid.

20 21. A composition of claim 15, wherein said oxygen labile active agent is retinol.